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MEMORANDUM FOR: EO/OWI

SUBJECT : House Select Committee on Intelligence Interview

On 13 November 1975 I spent approximately 45 minutes with Mr. Rushford. During that time I found Mr. Rushford to be a pleasant individual and I enjoyed the discussion. Mr. Rushford is not technically oriented and this resulted in his obtaining only a very limited understanding of encrypted telemetry. This was supposedly the topic I was to address but Mr. Rushford was mainly concerned with what force if any was exerted on the intelligence organizations to influence intelligence estimates. I assured him that I did not know of any pressure on CIA analysts and managers.

His primary area of concern was the relationship of the NSC and the CIA and how we were tasked and how we responded to requests for intelligence information. I assured him that CIA provides estimates of weapon systems and does not in any way get involved in setting policy for the U.S. Government. I informed him that SALT related intelligence information was provided to the NSC in written form such as the SALT Monitoring Report (he had a copy in front of him during the interview) and that we responded to requests through [REDACTED] of the CIA Salt Staff.

I believe that the friendly atmosphere and frank discussion resulted in a favorable attitude regarding the CIA. Mr. Rushford was very pleased with the discussion.

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